Y-YOU'RE SAYING HE HAS TO MARRY HER?
EXACTLY. I SENT HER FUJIO'S PICTURE TOO.

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CHAPTER 123: TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO...
YOU CAN'T JUST TELL ME OUT OF NOWHERE...

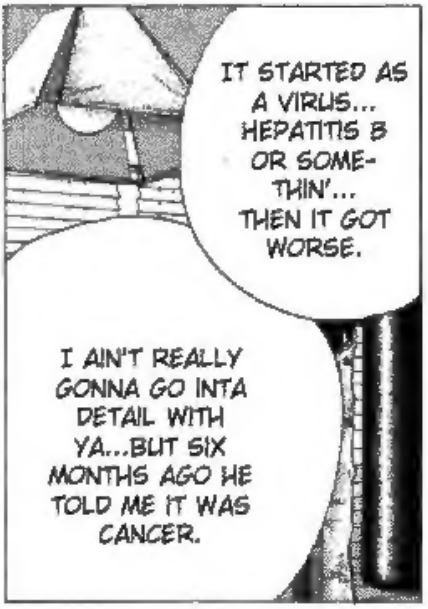
WE'D ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IT, AS BOTH YA FATHERS.
HER FATHER'S AN OL' FRIEND OF MINE, AND I FOUND OUT SHE WAS LIVIN' IN TOKYO.

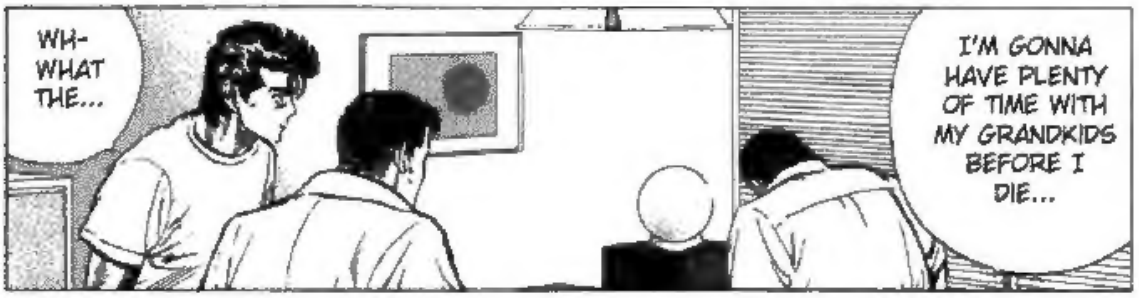
SIX MONTHS AGO...SIX MONTHS BEFORE HE DIED.
HE...HE DIED?

WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?
YOU... YOU JUST...

BUT I AIN'T LETTIN' THAT HAPPEN TA ME.
BUT IF HE'S DEAD, IT DOESN'T MATTER! WHY DO I HAVE TO GET MARRIED IF HE'S NOT EVEN...

HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TA SEE HIS GRANDKIDS BEFORE HE DIED...BUT IT WAS TOO LATE...


IT STARTED AS A VIRUS... HEPATITIS B OR SOME-THIN'... THEN IT GOT WORSE.
I AIN'T REALLY GONNA GO INTA DETAIL WITH YA...BUT SIX MONTHS AGO HE TOLD ME IT WAS CANCER.


WH-WHAT THE...
I'M GONNA HAVE PLENTY OF TIME WITH MY GRANDKIDS BEFORE I DIE...

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I'M GETTIN' FAT AN' SLEEPY... THAT'S HOW IT STARTED FER HIM.
I AIN'T BEEN FEELIN' SO HOT LATELY...

THE SAME WAY HE DID.
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOIN'...

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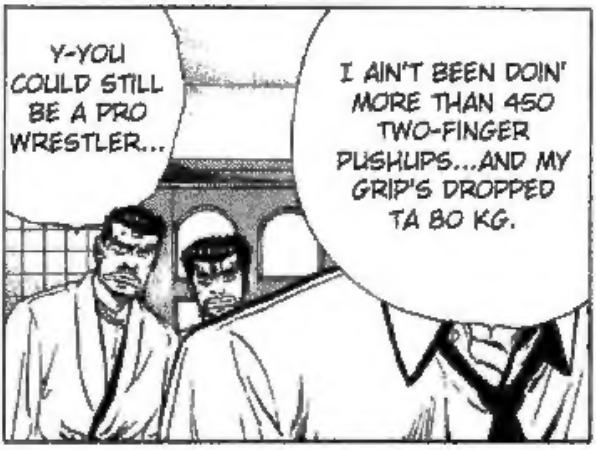

BUT...
YA THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YA DO FOR A LIVIN'? THAT DON'T MATTER TA ME.
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UHHH...

ANIKI!

I- I'M...I'M GOOD...
HAAAH ...

NO SON OF MINE INCONVENIENCES OTHERS!
YA JOB IS TA SERVE OTHERS! YA DON'T MAKE THEM BUY YA THINGS AND DO THINGS FOR YA!

AH?
DAD...ARE YOU REALLY SICK?

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NO...I DIDN'T ASK HER ...SHE JUST...
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!

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UH.
I KNOW A GOOD DOCTOR, SO I CAN ASK HIM TO VISIT OR SOME-THING.

SHE'S RIIICH!
DAD, SHOULDN'T YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL?

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FUJIO...DA GIRL'S CALLED TSURUOKA NOBUKO. THIS IS HER ADDRESS. GO VISIT HER.
HIS NAME'S FUJITAKE-SAN...

SHADDUP!
DAD, ARE YOU SCARED OF DOCTORS?

YEAH...YEAH, GO DO THAT! UH...
I'LL TALK TO HIM FOR YOU...

UH ....
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YOU... YOU JUST...
I FOUND HIS WEAK POINT!

COME ON...IT'LL PASS... IT'S JUST A...
WANT ME TO CALL A DOCTOR?

HRN NGH...

I'M CALLING FUJITAKE-SAN, DAD!
UH...WAIT A MINUTE...MY STOMACH'S HURTIN'! LEMME GO TA THE BATHROOM!

HAHA-HAHA!

WHY ME!?
TAISON, YOU GO AND MEET HER.

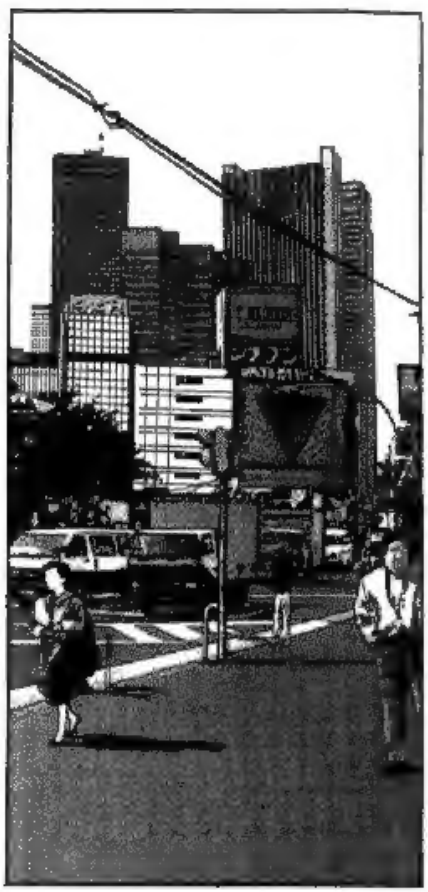
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY HAVE TO...BUT I CAN'T MAKE DAD GIVE THIS UP...

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, ANIKI?
DAD KINDA PROMISED YOU'D MEET HER. WILL YOU?

HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKIN' ABOUT OVER THERE?

WHA -AAT ...
I GOT NO REASON TO MEET HER ANYMORE, AND IF YOU DO IT, YOU CAN LET HER DOWN EASY.

GAH!
WAH!
HEY, DAD, THE DOCTOR'S HERE! WITH A REALLY BIG NEEDLE!



I'M GONNA BE HIDING OUT AT PINKIE'S PLACE.
THIS IS THE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER DAD GAVE ME.

YOU'RE OVER-THINKING IT.
WHAT ABOUT DAD?
YOU THINK OUR DAD REALLY HAS CANCER?

HELLO. TAISON-SAN?

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SHE'S NOT BAD...

MY FATHER TOLD ME EVERYTHING BEFORE HE DIED.
OH... HE'S... UH...
HE SENT ME FUJIO'S PICTURE AS WELL. WHY ISN'T HE HERE, OUT OF CURIOSITY?

I'M NOBUKO.
UH...

HE GOT WORRIED AND FOLLOWED ME HERE. HE EVEN SHAVED AND PUT ON THAT WEIRD DISGUISE.
OH, I GET IT. IT'S ANIKI.

WHAT THE HELL'S THAT GUY LOOKING AT?

?

I CAN FINISH IT RIGHT NOW.
DON'T WORRY, ANIKI, I GOT THIS.

OH... YEAH.
HUH?
I'VE BEEN THINKING OVER YOUR BROTHER'S PROPOSAL.

I'D LIKE TO ACCEPT.

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN MET HIM YET...
IT'S JUST... UH...
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UH...

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W-WAIT A MINUTE...I'VE STILL GOT THIS...
HEY... ANIKI...

WELL, SHIT. THE DAY HE GETS MARRIED IS THE DAY I HAVE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.
BUT IF DAD REALLY IS DYING...

WAIT A MINUTE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
OH.

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OW!

TAISON'S DOING PRETTY WELL...
JEEZ, AND I WORRIED ENOUGH TO COME HERE.

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
ASS-HOLE!

GAAAAH!
OUT OF THE WAY, OLD MAN!

HUH? THAT GUY KINDA LOOKS LIKE TAISON...
NO, JUST MY IMAGINATION ...

GH...

WHAT HAP-PENED?
FUJIO-SAN...
WHERE'S MY BROTHER?

OH!

GAH!

BUT I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS ON THE MATTER.
IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SAY...

YEAHHH... HE DOES THAT.
I'M AFRAID HE JUST LEFT.

PFFH!
I'D LIKE TO ACCEPT.

I'M SORRY...
HOW-EVER...

JUST GET IT OVER WITH, IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
OH, OKAY...

HEY, ANIKI! WAIT UP!

THERE'S ANOTHER MAN I LOVE.

HUH?

ANIKI!

YOU... YOU, UH...
WAIT... WHO ARE YOU?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY BROTHER.
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU LOOKING AT, ANYWAY? HUH?

UH...

...
MAYBE.
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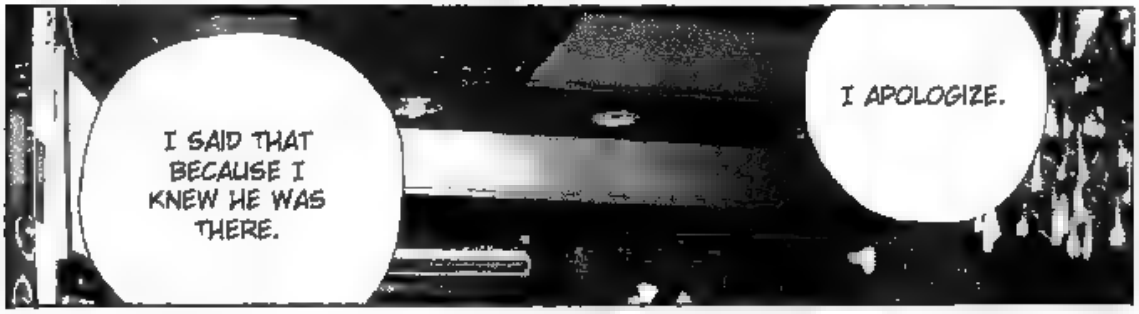
OH, I GET IT. WELL, TELL HER ALREADY!
DON'T YOU WANT TO MARRY HER?

SORRY...I HEARD THAT SHE WAS MEETING SOMEONE SHE WAS ARRANGED TO MARRY, AND I WANTED TO KNOW WANT SHE WOULD DO...
WHAT, ARE YOU HER BOYFRIEND OR SOMETHING?


I SAID THAT BECAUSE I KNEW HE WAS THERE.
I APOLOGIZE.

HOWEVER ...
I KNOW HE LOVES ME...

WHAT THE FUCK IS HE DOING, THEN!?
HUH, SO IT'S A MUTUAL THING.

I WANTED TO KNOW IF HE FELT THE SAME WAY...

THREE MONTHS AGO, I GOT DRUNK AND ENDED UP IN FIGHT WITH SOME PUNKS.

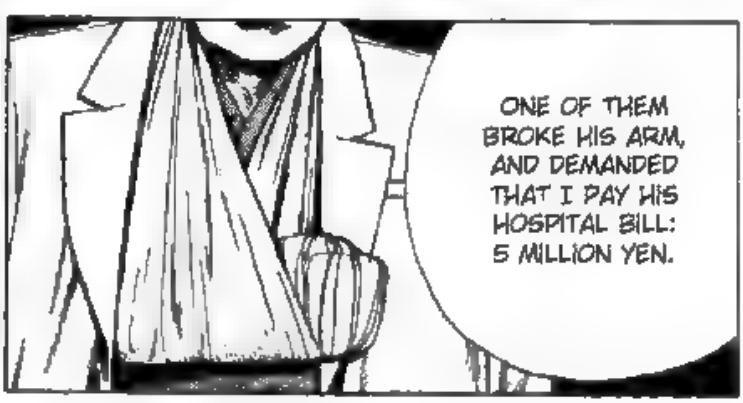
WHY NOT?
I HAVEN'T TOLD HER YET, BUT...

YOU CAN'T MARRY HER!?

DAMN, YOU'RE FUCKED.
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE FROM THE T. FAMILY...

F-FIVE MILLION!?

THE WORST PART WAS LATER.


ONE OF THEM BROKE HIS ARM, AND DEMANDED THAT I PAY HIS HOSPITAL BILL: 5 MILLION YEN.

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THE LAST TIME WAS YESTER-DAY.

SINCE THEN, THAT MAN'S BEEN SHOWING UP DAY AFTER DAY WITH HIS ARM IN A CAST, TRYING TO COLLECT THE MONEY.

I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY, THOUGH...
NOBUKO'S FROM A RICH FAMILY, AND I'M SURE SHE COULD COVER IT, BUT I CAN'T ASK HER TO DO THAT...

WOMEN AREN'T COLLATERAL ...
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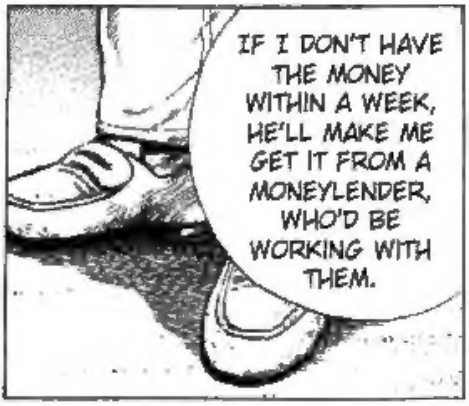
IF I DO THAT, THOUGH, HE THREATENED ME THAT NOBUKO WOULD BE COLLATERAL.


IF I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY WITHIN A WEEK, HE'LL MAKE ME GET IT FROM A MONEYLENDER, WHO'D BE WORKING WITH THEM.

YOU SAID IT HAPPENED THREE MONTHS AGO, RIGHT? AND HE SHOWED UP YESTERDAY WITH HIS CAST STILL ON?
OH?
IF IT WAS JUST A BROKEN ARM, IT SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT LONG TO HEAL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

SOME-THING'S WRONG HERE.

ANIKI!
N-NOBUKO!

OH...
HUH?

Y-YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS WHOLE THING IS ABOUT...
HISASHI-SAN...

SHE TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY, MAN.

WH... BUT I...
HISASHI-SAN...DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY...

LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY DESERVE HER.
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY. YOU DIDN'T WANT HER TO TAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR YOU, SO YOU DIDN'T TELL.

SO, ARE WE GONNA TELL DAD?

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